

The Trade of a Region That Lags Fifty Years Behind Progressive Forces.

But the visible products of the Tennessee river country are not the only evidences of its wealth. The hills around the iron and coal, to make a few things which men put capital and labor in them. Before the war furnace fires glowed along the west bank of the river, but none are there now, and not a pound of iron goes out of the Tennessee river. Here years ago there were many boats, and the great Mississippi boats supplied with freight, and the river enriched the carriers, but ruins stand where the boats once were, and the river is there, but then was merely scratching the earth's surface, and the vastness of wealth in the river was something which could not be seen. The progressive South. The people there now will not trouble it, although they have something to ride on. The river valley as having been one of the iron producing forces of the world. An iron mine in this place in the sixties was shown near Brownport. A furnace was there, probably built in the sixties, and it is still there, and the river, and active in the world. A plant, costing many thousands of dollars, was put in when hostilities be-

to discuss the sad situation of affairs. The presence of a reporter was tolerated. It was declared that the straw-board works at Newport had been dumping into the river stream large quantities of muriatic acid and other deadly waste, were rapidly killing off the fish; that while dilute muriatic acid in medicinal doses might be tolerated by the human stomach, no well-bred black bass could survive any such Kentucky treatment. The speaker then referred to the grasses with which it might be tempered. Mr. ... of ... was then lined with dead and dying fish, and like Shilley's political reference, "I die first." It was further noted that this nearer the approach to the straw-board works the greater the number of dead fish the evil was a continuing one. It was remarked that White River flows from the headwaters of the Ohio, and be, if preserved, the finest habitat for the black bass on earth and be a perpetual delight to the sportsman. The speaker concluded near at hand when that gamester denizen of the deep will be as rare in our streams

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